

<p style="text-align: center;">McNary-John Day 500kv Transmission Line Project Public Meetings</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Draft EIS COMMENTS</p>	
<p>HCC = comments made on 04/08/02 public meeting at Hermiston Community Center, Hermiston, OR PS = comments made on 04/09/02 public meeting at Paterson School, Paterson, WA RS = comments made on 04/10/02 public meeting at Roosevelt School, Roosevelt, WA</p>	
RS	When will a decision be made on the project?
HCC	How will you tie into bays at McNary?
HCC	What will the capacity of the line be?
HCC	How much will Newport use?
HCC	Last guy on the system is the first one off if generation exceeds capacity of line.
PS	Is the construction of this line contingent on signing up enough customers?
RS	On the existing generating projects redundancy and transfer capabilities already built into the system.
RS	What will make California short on power again?
RS	How long will this line carry it before needing another?
PS	Does this project impact the Mercer Ranch Project?
PS	What is the status?
RS	Your map should also show the existing generation facilities, rather than just the proposed sites.
RS	Are you still doing an EIS on Starbuck?
PS	How far along are you in the project process?
RS	Looks like my comments from scoping were addressed in the EIS.
RS	Will there be another opportunity to comment, after this comment period?
PS	What is the latest proposal at 68/6? (Where Hanford-John Day comes in)
PS	Would prefer BPA to cross/stay north side and span at 70/1 - 70/2, to avoid archaeological site.
PS	Would prefer alternative at 68/6, moving line to the north.
PS	Did you look at the alternative of building the line on the Oregon side?
RS	When will you know whether you will reroute around tribal parcels?
RS	The barn on Goldendale Aluminum's property will need to be removed since it is in the new right-of-way. Will you rebuild barn?

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RS	We're concerned about where you're crossing; can you avoid the hayfield owned by the Lee's? (See sheet 68)
RS	How many more pieces like this one are along the way? (Alternative at Corr. Mile 32)
RS	Is there any way you could draw out the alternative at mile 32 on a photomap?
RS	It would be easier to relocate eight (8) towers at corridor mile 69 and 70 rather than purchase new right-of ways.
RS	It wouldn't have so many jogs in the line or road crossings.
RS	What are the options around 32/1?
RS	If you stay on the north side, you'd avoid highway crossings and it would look a lot better having all the lines running parallel to one another.
HCC	Where is this project in regard to funding?
HCC	How certain is funding?
HCC	Was project put in budget for full funding?
HCC	You're already talking about third party financing.
HCC	How much will project cost, including interconnecting to substation?
HCC	With the current energy situation, do really think you'll be able to get third party financing?
PS	Where is the funding for this project coming from?
PS	Do the increased funds at the legislative level affect this project?
RS	You're looking at how many million to put the project up?
PS	It's convenient that there is a wide enough right-of way to accommodate the New Line.
PS	Will towers be on the North or South side of existing towers?
PS	It is east to work in corridors miles 69 and 70; it's relatively flat and not too rocky.
RS	If BPA moves an existing tower, how will the area be restored?
RS	How much of the tower and base will be left?
RS	Do you construct every tower on -site?
RS	What size equipment do you bring in?
RS	Do you use concrete for the tower footings?
RS	How much more does the 500-kV cable weigh as compares to the existing lines?
RS	Would like to see an access plan between Sundale and Rock Creek.
RS	Whose responsibility is it to maintain the roads? Will you make sure it is in as good of shape after construction, as it was before construction?
RS	How much right-of-way is needed in the 68-mile area? (68/5 - 70/1)
RS	If you could put towers near 33/1 you won't have a problem.
RS	What are we doing at 67/1?
RS	It would be no problem building a tower at 68/1.

RS	How far can you span between two towers?
RS	You'll have to buy right-of-way from the Aluminum Plant.
RS	What type of towers will be used?
RS	Is there any plan to use wide right-of ways at this place? (T7NRZIE Sec. 14, 12 GL ENN Williams)
RS	Where would the other tower end up (near tower 33/1)? Could you re-engineer this section and show me on a map?
RS	Access roads, if we use an access road for other things, will they be put back in original condition? Who does that?
RS	Would you rather have the lines next to each other?
RS	Access roads—look at graveling roads from county road up to maintenance road.
RS	A four (4) mile fire guard runs down Rock Creek, surveyors have to drive down and need to turnaround to come back.
HCC	Assuming you get funding, What is the timeline?
PS	When would the project get started?
PS	I was expecting to see some towers being put up on the side of the road.
RS	When will construction start?
RS	Is it possible to construct this area in the winter?
PS	Are you doing studies for traditional cultural properties review? (Tribal)
PS	Archaeology site - you've done surveys?
PS	Know of lots of arrowheads near John Day.
RS	There are a lot of caves around corridor miles 52 and 53.
RS	[Correction] - text of DEIS - Chapman Creek named after Joe Chapman, who established a wood yard for steamers at the mouth of creek in 1859. (Pg. 3-80 of DEIS)
RS	Pioneer cemetery 1870s/80s, 4 headstones, used to be more wooden crosses but burned in fires.
RS	There are a lot of caves along the flats. (See sheets 68-72)
PS	State is going to give up lease on Maryhill & Crowe Butte Parks.
RS	We're going to lose a lot of access if they're located where they are proposed at "Sundale Orchards".
RS	If BPA goes through the orchard I'll have to take out trellises and trees. (Sundale Orchards)
RS	A jog of 50-75 feet at towers 54/2 and 54/3 would solve problem of having to remove trees.
RS	Don't want concrete trucks to show up during harvest!
RS	Harvest during 2nd week of August, and 2nd week of November, working on trees in December.
RS	Plans to expand orchards on either side, but permits with Department of Ecology are difficult.

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RS	We use the barn owned by Goldendale Aluminum Company for hay.
RS	Can towers be shifted to get them out of the orchards?
RS	Trees become severely damaged by wind, when poplars are cut fruit gets damaged. Used to have a limit of 16ft. But ROWs allowed to grow to 20 feet that helps.
RS	I'm concerned that the roads used by BPA and its contractors will be left damaged and not repaired. Problems have occurred in the past and damages were never repaired, even after calls had been placed to BPA.
RS	Gates with livestock are inadvertently left open. The clock will start the minute I stop my work to remedy the situation in taking care of my cattle, due to gates being left open.
RS	Wheat harvest is from July 1st - 20th, and we plant from September 10th - November 1st.
RS	EIS states, No "Prime Farmland", although there may be much in this area, there is some good irrigated farmland. ----- Sundale Orchards
RS	Perhaps you can place taller towers so that you can span the irrigated farmland?
RS	M-BE-AR-54-1, Need to reroute road around orchard, rather than through it.
RS	Registered block where we can grow certified plants. (i.e.: disease free, etc...) near tower 33/1
RS	Irrigation at 33/1 drip system (permanent - doesn't move around).
RS	We spoke with Bill Erickson at BPA about wind machines on our property. (Near 33/1)
RS	Harvest is in September - October, for Alder Ridge.
RS	We harvest in May (alfalfa) and generally cut again at the end of June. (Sheet 68)
PS	Does the EIS address the alarms all along highway for Umatilla Gas Incinerator?
PS	Put in contracts so that workers know about emergency preparedness. (Have small radios that will tell them what to do)
RS	Concerned about fires from problems with the line.
RS	Flash over due to bird droppings.
RS	Fires ---- Any hint of negligence, and fire department will pursue and so will landowners!
RS	Has a fire ever cut the wire in two?
RS	Grass fires are fairly common. The railroad set a fire in August of 2001, sparks off the railcars.
RS	One gate is still sparking at 66/6 tower McNary-Ross. (Fence needs to be grounded, to do so, and talk to maintenance).
RS	Tower has arcing problems due to bird droppings. (88/5 Hanford-John Day Line)
RS	How tall will the new towers be when you cross over to the south side of the highway? (Sheet 68), We're concerned about clearance since we hay in this area.

RS	In winter - low fire hazard, but greater risk of damage to roads.
PS	What happens to land values around new substations?
PS	Are there job opportunities associated with this project?
PS	Is there a process so that local people will be hired for this project?
PS	If you don't hire local people, you'll have a problem ~ guaranteed!
RS	What is the process the landowner can expect if we relocate the easement and move towers?
RS	What's the process for paying on the additional right-of-way needed?
RS	What is involved with getting right-of-way from landowner?
RS	Can you condemn the Indian land?
RS	You'd have a pretty long span at 66/1 because it is so steep there.
RS	Corps considered permits for Glade Creek. (Water of the state)
PS	Are you getting Corps permits for creek near Mercer Ranch?
PS	I'm assuming the weed board will follow up on noxious weeds?
RS	I also understand that you'll evaluate weeds after construction.